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LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS

Abstract of Business Transacted by the Senate and House.

FRIDAY.

In the Senate, seven or eight bills were introduced, the whole number now being 90. Among them was one by Senator Stockton to require boards of county commissioners to publish their expenditures, make contracts therefor, and regulating the payment of public money. It has been highly spoken of, and will no doubt become a law. Senator Neel introduced bills to provide for scholarships in the State Normal School at DeFuniak, and to prescribe the issuance of teachers' certificates thereby. The Senate passed the House bill legalizing the incorporation of Lawtey, Senate bill amending the Key West charter, and Senate bill authorizing the licensing of hacks and drays. The Senate adjourned to Monday afternoon.

The House passed House bills concerning authority of Live Oak to license business occupations; to dispose of convict hire funds; prescribing compensation of jurors and witnesses; amending the road law; and to legalize Tampa bonds; also Senate bill providing State aid to public schools. Indefinitely postponed House bills to adjust compensation of circuit clerks; to regulate the carrying of firearms; and to provide for the registration and payment of county warrants. Mr. Avery's separate street car bill was considered and postponed to the 19th.

SATURDAY.

The House passed House joint resolution relative to Federal aid to public roads; House memorial for investigation of obstruction to navigable streams in Lake county; Senate bill abolishing present government of Lake Butler, etc. Indefinitely postponed House bill to repeal chapter 4683, Laws of Florida. Reconsidered postponement of House bill to adjust compensation of circuit clerks, and made it a special order for the 20th. Among the bills introduced was one by Mr. Canter, prohibiting the buying of wines, beer, etc., in counties where local option exists; and one by Mr. Buckman, amending the law relating to the investigation of diseases of domestic animals.

MONDAY.

Bills were introduced in the Senate by Senator Hudson, to create the county of St. Lucie; also to punish the sale, etc., of intoxicating liquors to Indians; by Senator Harris, for the appointment of a State game commissioner and county game wardens; by Senator Gillen, requiring all city and town council meetings to be open to the public, etc. The Senate passed House bill concerning authority of Live Oak to license business occupations. Senator Adams offered a substitute for Senate bill repealing the law making incurable insanity a ground of divorce, but the same was rejected. Senate bill for the control of certain educational institutions by a board of 15 regents was ordered printed, and set for special order April 24th.

In the House, Mr. Jewell presented the petition of Florida Division, U. C. V., requesting removal of 65-year age limit in the pension law. Mr. Noble offered a concurrent resolution concerning certain schools; as follows:

Whereas, It is becoming more and more apparent that the State of Florida cannot meet the increased demands by the institutions of learning supported by appropriations of the State without further increased taxation, and

Whereas, Many of the institutions receiving large appropriations receive little more patronage than good local high schools and other institutions of learning that do not receive large State appropriations, and

Whereas, The hundreds of thousands of dollars spent annually on these institutions are of little or no benefit to the family of the man that attends the back-woods schools, the man who shoulders the taxes to support said institutions; therefore,

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That a committee of seven shall be appointed, four on the part of the House and three of the Senate to examine into the benefits of these institutions to the school children of the State at large, and determine if any such institutions can be dispensed with, and if so, which institutions should be retained, designating under what name and character and for what purposes such institutions shall be retained, and report a bill with such determinations and recommendations embodied therein to the Legislature by or before the first day of May, 1905.

Resolved further, That this committee shall not include any member who resides in a county wherein is located any of these State institutions of learning.

Mr. Pirrong offered a concurrent resolution on the same subject, as follows: Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That a special committee of nine, five from the House and four from the Senate, be appointed to select and designate such

colleges of this State to be recipients of State aid, and to create a fund to be set apart for the support and maintenance of said colleges, and report by bill as soon as practicable.

These two resolutions are destined to create quite a commotion among the small colleges that have been draining the State treasury of funds which should have been used to better purpose in the maintenance of the constitutional institutions of the State.

The House also reconsidered the indefinite postponement of House bill relating to the carrying of firearms, and it was made a special order for April 24. Also passed House bills relating to the binding over of witnesses before justices of the peace and county judges; requiring proposed constitutional amendments to be posted at voting precincts on election days; to amend the law relating to licenses for carrying firearms; and indefinitely postponing House bills to relieve the several counties from payment of amounts claimed by certain municipalities; to regulate fees in cases before committing magistrates; to cancel certain tax sale certificates (two bills); to provide for a Governor's mansion; and to require payment in advance of certain clerk's fees. Mr. Noble's bill to tax owners of dogs was attacked with a motion for indefinite postponement, which was defeated, and the bill set as a special order for April 25th. The Speaker appointed the following committee to draft resolutions concerning the death of the late Hon. Wm. Forsyth Bynum: Messrs. Crawford, Hall and Persons.

TUESDAY.

The Senate Committee on State Affairs reported as follows:

Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred the communication of Gov. Broward relative to the return of the battle flags of this State by the national government, beg leave to submit that,

Whereas, in acknowledgment of the gracious act of Congress which ordered the return to the several States of the battle flags that have been held in custody since the civil strife in 1861-65; and

Whereas, fully appreciating the spirit which thus caused to be obliterated the last vestige or tinge of vantage that obtained in that memorable conflict; and

Whereas, being impressed with the justness and the wisdom of the act in general,

Be it Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the great commonwealth of Florida, as an integral part of this grand union of States, views with pardonable pride the disposition of the brethren of this Republic to disown any unseemly act or thought that would reflect upon the participants in that fratricidal strife between the people of this common country, and,

Be it further Resolved, That His Excellency, N. B. Broward, Governor of the State of Florida, be requested to communicate to the Secretary of War, Hon. Wm. H. Taft, the sentiments, appreciation and fraternal feeling of the people of this State as expressed through their representatives in Legislature assembled.

The joint committee to arrange a program submitted the following:

Joint session at 10:30 a. m., May 2, in Representative Hall: Governor N. B. Broward, Col. R. H. M. Davidson and ex-Governor Frances P. Fleming invited to deliver addresses, introduced by Hon. Geo. P. Raney; officers of State government and Col. Norvell, U. S. A., invited to attend and occupy special seats; Adjutant-General Foster invited to assist in arrangements; Florida Chapters, Daughters of the Confederacy, and camps of U. C. V., invited to attend; ladies of Anna Jackson Chapter, U. D. C., requested to provide music.

Eight or ten bills were introduced, including one by Senator Sams amending the game laws, and one by Senator Neel amending the law relating to intermarriage of whites and colored persons. Senate bill fixing penalty for cutting timber on land of another was indefinitely postponed, and Senate bill prohibiting the transportation of liquors into "dry" counties was defeated on third reading. The Senate "Flagler divorce" repeal bill was passed by a vote of 22 to 8; also Senate bills amending law relating to foremen of grand juries; Senate bill to protect sureties; Senate bill relating to breaking and entering; Senate bill validating contracts of minors in certain cases; Senate bill providing for purchase of bloodhounds by sheriffs, and Senate bill providing for a geological survey of Florida.

A Senate concurrent resolution was adopted accepting the invitation of the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce to visit that city, and fixing the date for Friday, April 21.

At 12, m., the Senate proceeded to vote for U. S. Senator, the whole number of Senators present (31) voting for Hon. James P. Taliaferro.

In the House, twelve bills were introduced, including one by Mr. Rosborough, to provide annuities for disabled soldiers and sailors and wives of deceased soldiers and sailors, and one to levy a special pension tax. Mr. Matthews introduced a bill to extend the powers of the railroad commission, which will attract wide attention; and Mr. Wall introduced another which will cause much comment, to require the

WOODVILLE ITEMS.

Mr. E. R. Isler has accepted a position with the G. F. & A. Railroad as section foreman and has gone to Carrabelle. His family will follow later.

Mr. W. D. Levy attended preaching services in the Peck community Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Grace Knapp, of Bradfordville, visited Mrs. T. J. Hall from Thursday until Monday.

Miss Emma Child, of Tallahassee, came to this village Saturday. She will remain here with her sister until the close of the school term.

Miss Vann, of Boston, Ga., who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Evelyn Wooten, returned to her home Monday. She was accompanied by Miss Wooten, who will spend some time in Tallahassee and Boston, before returning to her home near this place.

Mr. F. C. Williamson has new Irish potatoes to sell.

Rev. Luther S. Hutchens, of Crawfordville, W. V., lectured at the Methodist church Tuesday night. His subject was "The Devil's Toboggan."

Mr. J. E. Knight has moved his family to Woodville. He will have several children to enter the public school. We extend to him a hearty welcome.

On Wednesday night a small congregation met in the Methodist church for prayer services. The pastor is earnestly endeavoring, with Divine assistance, to elevate the church to a higher plane of living and should have the earnest co-operation of the members.

John Y. Detwiler; and one relating to the posting of lands.

At 12 o'clock the two houses met in joint session to declare the vote for U. S. Senator, the total vote being 96.

Senator Taliaferro's speech of acceptance was a gem of plain, straightforward eloquence, and we hope to reproduce it later.

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to pay into the State treasury all money now in their possession for said fund, making the State treasurer responsible therefor, and repealing an act of 1903 relating to the disposition thereof. The following Senate bill was passed: Amending an act providing for assessment and collection of taxes for Orlando, also the following House bills: Amending law establishing standard of weights and measures; and for the relief of Marion county.

At 12, m., the house proceeded to the election of a U. S. Senator, and Hon. James P. Taliaferro was elected, receiving the whole number of votes recorded (65).

WEDNESDAY.

Several new bills appeared in the Senate, among them one by Senator Crane, creating a school book commission; one by Senator Crill, to prevent the sale of adulterated or misbranded food, and one by Senator Neel, creating a new county in West Florida, to be named "Bloxham County," and comprise a portion of the present Holmes County.

In the House there was introduced, among others, a bill by Mr. Buckman, by request, to regulate the appointment of trust companies as administrators of estates, etc.; also, by Mr. Noble, a bill to prohibit the sale, etc., of cigarettes to minors; also, by Mr. Crawford, a bill to amend the act of 1903 for the payment of the Wailes claim. This bill will be noticed later in these columns.

The House passed House bills, to regulate the running of automobiles; enlarging the powers of the government of Daytona; to legalize county warrants; to provide for the payment of costs in commitment trials; for the relief of

THURSDAY.

The usual number of bills was introduced, the last number being 126. Among them was one by Senator Stockton providing for the study of forestry problems; and four bills concerning sheriffs' fees and duties, recommended by a committee of the State sheriffs' association. The Flagler Key West railway bill was taken up as a special order and considered at both morning and afternoon sessions, and ordered engrossed. The Governor sent in the report of the statute revision commission, submitting the result of their labors.

In the House, a memorial relating to improvement of Chipola river was adopted, and another asking for an appropriation for the Chattahoochee river. Thirteen bills were introduced, the last number being 204. The four sheriff bills above referred to were among those introduced; also one by Mr. Harvell, of Santa Rosa, to repeal the act of 1903 appropriating \$25,000 in full payment of the Wailes claim; also one by Mr. Hall, of Suwannee, to compel attendance in the public schools, and one by Mr. Smith, of Volusia, placing telegraph and telephone companies under the jurisdiction of the railroad commission.

The journal states that the House reconsidered the vote "by which House bill No. 11 was passed," the motion purporting to have been made "yesterday" by Mr. Hall, of Suwannee; but the journal of Wednesday, shows bill No. 11 (Mr. Avery's street car bill), after amendment, was "referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills."

The reconsideration, according to the journal, was followed by a vote on the bill, which was passed by a vote of 44 to 23.

Fashionable Footwear at all prices at Wight & Burns.

Miss Emma Girardeau, of Monticello, is visiting Miss Eva Quail, in this city.

Easybright cleans everything to be found at L. C. Yaeger's.

Mrs. Fannie Papy Logan, of Jacksonville, is visiting her old home as the guest of her brothers.

Hon. Jeff M. Lamar is visiting his hosts of Tallahassee friends again this week.

Strong, simple and cheap, the HAND HAY PRESS--For sale by Yaeger & Raney.

Quite a number of Tallahasseeans join the legislative excursionists in a few days visit to Pensacola today.

Hon. John Rourke, of Bagdad, a former member of the Legislature, is in the city.

Mr. J. Ed. Williams, of Pensacola, treasurer of Escambia county, is registered at the Leon.

Just the press for the farmers--the HAND HAY PRESS--For sale by Yaeger & Raney.

Mrs. J. G. Gibbs, Speaker Gilchrist's mother, of Columbia, S. C., accompanied by Miss Ethel Gibbs, arrived at the Leon yesterday for a brief visit.

It is time for you to get your Easter Straw Hat--at Wight & Burns.

Mr. O. M. Roberts, a former resident of Tallahassee, is now superintendent of the City Light and Water Company, of Starke.

Special line of RIBBONS--all colors--at Mrs. Currie's.

General line of Millinery at Mrs. Currie's.

Select stock of light Spring and Summer Clothing at Wight & Burns.

The pupils of Leon Academy will present, on the 28th inst., a unique entertainment entitled "The Carnival of the Nations," a synopsis of which will appear in our next issue. Principal Wideman received yesterday a communication from the German Embassy at Washington stating that a German flag will be sent by express to be used for the occasion.

LAMONIA NEWS.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Lamonia, April 18.--Rev. W. C. Embury filled his appointment at Spring Hill, which is one of the churches in the Metcalf circuit, last Sunday. He had a very good congregation. A church conference was held and the roll of membership revised, a few names being dropped. Mr. Fred Rose acted as secretary of the conference.

Frost was found on our farms yesterday morning. The thermometer stood at 40 degrees at sunrise.

Cotton planting and corn plowing occupy the farmers' attention chiefly now.

The outlook for fruit is not so good up here. We have had too much cool weather, and the fruit has fallen off.

Our popular merchant, Mr. R. F. Van Brunt, took unto himself a wife last Wednesday, the 12th inst. Her name was Miss Kate Bond, who had just finished a six-months term in the Strickland school. Everyone wishes them a long and happy life.

This scribe read in The True Democrat, Mr. Editor, where you had refused to publish whiskey advertisements and intended to continue to refuse them, and he wants to say "let's shake!" He is with you, heart and soul, in publishing a "dry" paper, for a "dry" paper is the only one that can be a clean paper--so he thinks.

We hope the Legislature will kill and bury that bill making a dispensary possible in any county. The good people of Florida do not want and will not tolerate a dispensary.

Plans to Get Rich

are often frustrated by sudden breakdown, due to dyspepsia or constipation. Brace up and take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They take out the materials which are clogging your energies, and give you a new start. Cure headache and dizziness too. At all Druggists; 25c; guaranteed.

Mr. John A. Graham, of Bradenton, is in the city.

Go to Wight & Burns for all kinds of Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods.

Hon. W. M. Bennett, of Okahumka, a former legislator, is a guest at the Leon.

The HAND HAY PRESS is a little wonder--For sale by Messrs. Yaeger & Raney.

Hon. J. S. Denham, of Monticello, is on a business visit to the Capital.

The tremendous row in the management of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York waxes hotter day by day, much to the anxiety of its policy-holders.

Dr. Henry E. Palmer has been in attendance upon the tuberculosis convention in Atlanta, and is now in attendance of the State Medical Association, at Jacksonville.

Hons. E. C. Smith and John C. Moor, two of our county legislators, both being subscribers (like all the other members of the board) to The True Democrat, were among their Tallahassee constituents again today, and made us pleasant visits.

INTERVIEW WITH GEN'L. BULLOCK.

He Relates Some Real Facts About the Wailes Claim.

The venerable Gen. Robert Bullock, of Ocala, one of Florida's most distinguished ex-Congressmen, has been a visitor to the city for several days, and yesterday a representative of The True Democrat improved a favorable opportunity to interview him concerning his views of the present situation of the Wailes claim, with which he is known to be very familiar, with the following results:

Q. General Bullock, have you seen a copy of the bill recently introduced proposing to allow Col. Wailes \$12,000 in full settlement of his claim?

A. I have seen a copy of the bill referred to, and I confess I do not know what it can possibly mean. It has the appearance, to me, of the most amazing specimen of highway robbery, masquerading under the guise of a legal enactment, that I have ever heard of. As a member of the Congress for four years, I was in active and constant cooperation with S. I. Wailes for the collection of the so-called Indian war claim, and I say without hesitation, and without the fear of successful contradiction, that but for the vigilant research and incessant labor of S. I. Wailes, in laying the foundations for final success, by adjusting this claim before the different departments (in which work he was engaged for years, under a solemn and legal contract with Governor Drew, upon a contingent fee of 15 per cent of the amount recovered, he paying the entire expenses), the people of Florida would never have seen a single dollar of the amount claimed; and now, to propose "paying" Mr. Wailes less than one-half of what I know to have been his actual expenditures in the prosecution of this claim, looks, as I have said, like a sort of legalized highway robbery.

Q. How do you know the facts concerning Col. Wailes' expenditures?

A. I had occasion during the last session of my last term in Congress to make a searching investigation into the cost of the prosecution of this claim, in the course of which I was furnished by Mr. Wailes with the most indisputable evidence, in the shape of entries, documents and public records, to the effect that he had, up to that time, actually expended the sum of over \$23,000, and many of the items of this amount were within my personal knowledge. My testimony, under oath, as I now recollect, before the Senate committee two years ago, was to the same effect.

Q. Then, General, from your statement, it would seem that those who have legislated upon this matter heretofore, as well as those who are now attempting to legislate upon it, must have a very imperfect knowledge of the real facts?

A. Precisely so. I am unable to account for their acts upon any other theory than that of total ignorance of the facts, whether willful or otherwise--no, I will not say willful at all, for I cannot believe that Mr. Wailes has ever done any one of these gentlemen an injury.

Theodore Gibbs Dead.

Just as we go to press the sad news reached us of the death, by his own hand, at Apopka, of Theodore Gibbs. The sympathies of a large circle of friends go out to the bereaved family of the unfortunate young man.

Church Notices.

Divine worship will be conducted at the First Baptist church, Sunday, April 16, in the morning at 11 o'clock. Sermon by Rev. W. D. Turnley, of Arcadia, Ga. No evening service. Bible school at 10 a. m.; Junior Baptist Union at 3 p. m.; Senior Baptist Union 6:45 p. m. A cordial welcome to all and especially strangers.

There will be appropriate Easter services held at all the churches tomorrow.

An April Bride.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. H. Fenn, on South Boulevard Street in this city, on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. J. W. Bigham, pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, joined in holy wedlock Miss Maud Theresa Fenn and Mr. Albert Pierce, an estimable and highly connected young business man of Apalachicola.

The residence was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the ceremony was very impressive and elaborate. Little Miss Lura May Brown, niece of the bride, performed the part of flower girl very prettily, and the maid of honor, Miss Fannie Wilson, escorted by the best man, Mr. L. C. Morrow of Apalachicola, was greatly admired.

A delightful reception, attended by many relatives and friends, followed the ceremony, and was succeeded by a brilliantly appointed wedding breakfast, the happy pair departing for their future home on the midday train.

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